

Daily Digest

HIGHLIGHTS

The House and Senate met in a Joint Meeting to receive His Excellency Hamid Karzai, President of the Transitional Islamic State of Afghanistan.

The House passed H.R. 4513, Renewable Energy Project Siting Improvement Act of 2004.

The House passed H.R. 4503, Energy Policy Act of 2004.

Senate

Chamber Action

Routine Proceedings, pages S6749–S6821

Measures Introduced: Five bills were introduced, as follows: S. 2518–2522. **Pages S6803–04**

Measures Reported: S.J. Res. 39, approving the renewal of import restrictions contained in the Burmese Freedom and Democracy Act of 2003. **Page S6803**

Measures Passed:

Flood Insurance Reform Act: Senate passed S. 2238, to amend the National Flood Insurance Act of 1968 to reduce losses to properties for which repetitive flood insurance claim payments have been made, after agreeing to the committee amendments, and the following amendment proposed thereto: **Pages S6809–21**

Warner (for Shelby) Amendment No. 3451, to make technical and conforming amendments. **Pages S6815–16**

National Defense Authorization Act: Senate continued consideration of S. 2400, to authorize appropriations for fiscal year 2005 for military activities of the Department of Defense, for military construction, and for defense activities of the Department of Energy, to prescribe personnel strengths for such fiscal year for the Armed Services, taking action on the following amendments proposed thereto: **Pages S6751–90**

Adopted:

By 65 yeas to 33 nays (Vote No. 114), Smith/Kennedy Amendment No. 3183, to provide Federal assistance to States and local jurisdictions to prosecute hate crimes. **Pages S6751, S6763–73, S6775**

Talent/Bond Amendment No. 3251, to express the sense of Congress on America's National World War I Museum. **Pages S6779–80**

Warner (for Collins) Amendment No. 3395, to encourage the Secretary of Defense to achieve maximum cost effective energy savings. **Pages S6785–89**

Levin (for Bingaman) Modified Amendment No. 3392, to clarify the duties and activities of the Vaccine Healthcare Centers Network. **Pages S6785–89**

Warner (for Grassley/Feinstein) Modified Amendment No. 3402, to express the sense of Congress that the elimination of the drug trade in Afghanistan should be a national security priority for the United States, and to require a report on related efforts. **Pages S6785–89**

Levin (for Bingaman) Modified Amendment No. 3346, to reduce barriers for Hispanic-serving institutions in defense contracts, defense research programs, and other minority-related defense programs. **Pages S6785–89**

Warner (for Graham (SC)) Modified Amendment No. 3326, to clarify the authorities of the Judge Advocates General. **Pages S6785–89**

Levin (for Hollings) Modified Amendment No. 3349, to modify the authority to convey land at Equipment and Storage Yard, Charleston, South Carolina. **Pages S6785–89**

Warner (for Inhofe/Chambliss) Modified Amendment No. 3385, to exempt procurements of certain services from the limitation regarding service charges imposed for defense procurements made through contracts of other agencies. **Pages S6785–89**

Rejected:

By 42 yeas to 55 nays (Vote No. 113), Kennedy Amendment No. 3263, to prohibit the use of funds for the support of new nuclear weapons development under the Stockpile Services Advanced Concepts Initiative or for the Robust Nuclear Earth Penetrator (RNEP). **Pages S6751–63**

Pending:

Reid (for Leahy) Amendment No. 3292, to amend title 18, United States Code, to prohibit profiteering and fraud relating to military action, relief, and reconstruction efforts. **Page S6751**

Dodd Further Modified Amendment No. 3313, to prohibit the use of contractors for certain Department of Defense activities and to establish limitations on the transfer of custody of prisoners of the Department of Defense. **Pages S6751, S6777**

Reed Amendment No. 3352, to increase the end strength for active duty personnel of the Army for fiscal year 2005 by 20,000 to 502,400. **Pages S6780–84**

Warner Amendment No. 3450 (to Amendment No. 3352), to provide for funding the increased number of Army active-duty personnel out of fiscal year 2005 supplemental funding. **Pages S6780–84**

Durbin Amendment No. 3386, to affirm that the United States may not engage in torture or cruel, inhuman, or degrading treatment or punishment. **Pages S6784–85**

A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing for further consideration of the bill on Wednesday, June 16, 2004; that there be 30 minutes of debate equally divided on Dodd amendment No. 3313 (listed above) and the Senate then proceed to a vote in relation to the amendment, with no amendments in order to the amendment prior to the vote; further, that Senator Warner, or his designee, be recognized to offer the next first degree amendment. **Page S6789**

During consideration of this measure today, Senate also took the following action:

Warner (for Domenici) Amendment No. 3167, to require a report on the availability of potential overland ballistic missile defense test ranges, previously agreed to on Monday, June 14, 2004, was modified by unanimous consent. **Page S6785**

Message from the President: Senate received the following message from the President of the United States:

Transmitting, pursuant to law, a notification of the President's intent to enter into a free trade agreement with the Government of Bahrain; which was referred to the Committee on Finance. (PM–86)

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Nominations Confirmed: Senate confirmed the following nominations:

By unanimous vote of 98 yeas (Vote No. Ex. 115), Virginia E. Hopkins, of Alabama, to be United States District Judge for the Northern District of Alabama. **Pages S6773–75, S6775–76, S6821**

By unanimous vote of 98 yeas (Vote No. 116), Ricardo S. Martinez, of Washington, to be United States District Judge for the Western District of Washington. **Pages S6773–75, S6776–77, S6821**

By unanimous vote of 98 yeas (Vote No. Ex. 117), Gene E. K. Pratter, of Pennsylvania, to be United States District Judge for the Eastern District of Pennsylvania. **Pages S6773–75, S6777, S6821**

Nominations Received: Senate received the following nominations:

1 Air Force nomination in the rank of general.

6 Army nominations in the rank of general.

3 Marine Corps nominations in the rank of general.

8 Navy nominations in the rank of admiral.

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Messages From the House: **Pages S6801–02**

Measures Referred: **Page S6802**

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Authority for Committees to Meet: **Pages S6808–09**

Privilege of the Floor: **Page S6809**

Record Votes: Five record votes were taken today. (Total—117) **Pages S6763, S6775, S6776, S6776–77, S6777**

Adjournment: Senate convened at 10:30 a.m., and adjourned at 7:05 p.m., until 9 a.m., on Wednesday,

June 16, 2004. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Acting Majority Leader in today's Record on page S6821.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

NOMINATION

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the nomination of Alan Greenspan, of New York, to be Chairman of the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System, after the nominee testified and answered questions in his own behalf.

PIPELINE SAFETY

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: Committee concluded an oversight hearing to examine long term prospects for improved safety and reliability of the Nation's pipeline infrastructure, focusing on responses to mandates set forth in the Pipeline Safety Improvement Act of 2002 including specific implementation and results, after receiving testimony from Senator Murray; Samuel G. Bonasso, Deputy Administrator, Research and Special Programs Administration, Stacey Gerard, Associate Administrator, Office of Pipeline Safety, and Kenneth Mead, Inspector General, all of the Department of Transportation; Katherine Siggerud, Director, Physical Infrastructure Issues, General Accounting Office; James L. Connaughton, Council on Environmental Quality, Washington, D.C.; Marc Spitzer, Arizona Corporation Commission, Phoenix; Lois N. Epstein, Cook Inlet Keeper, Anchorage, Alaska; Barry Pearl, TEPPCO Partners, L.P., Houston, Texas, on behalf of the Association Oil Pipe Lines and the American Petroleum Institute; Earl Fischer, Atmos Energy Corporation, Dallas, Texas, on behalf of the American Gas Association and the American Public Gas Association; and Robert T. Howard, Gas Transmission Northwest Corporation, Portland, Oregon, on behalf of the Interstate Natural Gas Association of America.

ENERGY SUPPLY

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources: Committee concluded a hearing to examine crude oil supply, gasoline demands and the effects on prices, focusing on the causes and solution to the current fuel situation, including concerns over ability of petroleum markets to rebalance, boutique diesel fuels, proposed

renewable fuel mandate, refinery capacity, after receiving testimony from Guy F. Caruso, Administrator, Energy Information Administration, Department of Energy; Red Cavaney, American Petroleum Institute, and Dave Berry, Swift Transportation Company, on behalf of the American Trucking Associations, both of Washington, D.C.; and John P. Kilduff, Fimat USA Inc., New York, New York.

FREE TRADE

Committee on Finance: Committee concluded a hearing to examine U.S.-Australia and U.S.-Morocco Free Trade Agreements, focusing on economic, social, and political challenges facing the region and U.S. interests in the Middle East, after receiving testimony from Peter F. Allgeier, and Josette Sheeran Shiner, each a Deputy United States Trade Representative; Allen Johnson, Chief Agricultural Negotiator, Office of the U.S. Trade Representative; Harold McGraw III, The McGraw-Hill Companies, New York, New York, on behalf of the Business Roundtable; Jon Kneen, Al-Jon, Inc., Ottumwa, Iowa, on behalf of the National Association of Manufacturers; Lynn Cornwell, Montana Stockgrowers Association, Glasgow; Jeffrey W. Ruffner, MSE Technology Applications, Inc., Butte, Montana; John Schulman, Warner Brothers Entertainment, Burbank, California, on behalf of the Entertainment Industry Coalition for Free Trade; David G. Mengebier, CMS Energy Corporation, Jackson, Michigan, on behalf of the U.S.-Morocco FTA Coalition; Ron Heck, Perry, Iowa, on behalf of the American Soybean Association; and Lochiel Edwards, Montana Grain Growers Association, Big Sandy, on behalf of the Wheat Export Trade Education Committee, the National Association of Wheat Growers, and U.S. Wheat Associates.

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on Finance: Committee ordered favorably reported S.J. Res. 39, approving the renewal of import restrictions contained in the Burmese Freedom and Democracy Act of 2003.

SUDAN

Committee on Foreign Relations: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the current situation in Sudan, focusing on genocide, violence and ethnic cleansing in Darfur, Sudan, humanitarian assistance and development of the infrastructure in southern Sudan, and the potential for famine, after receiving testimony from Charles R. Snyder, Acting Assistant Secretary